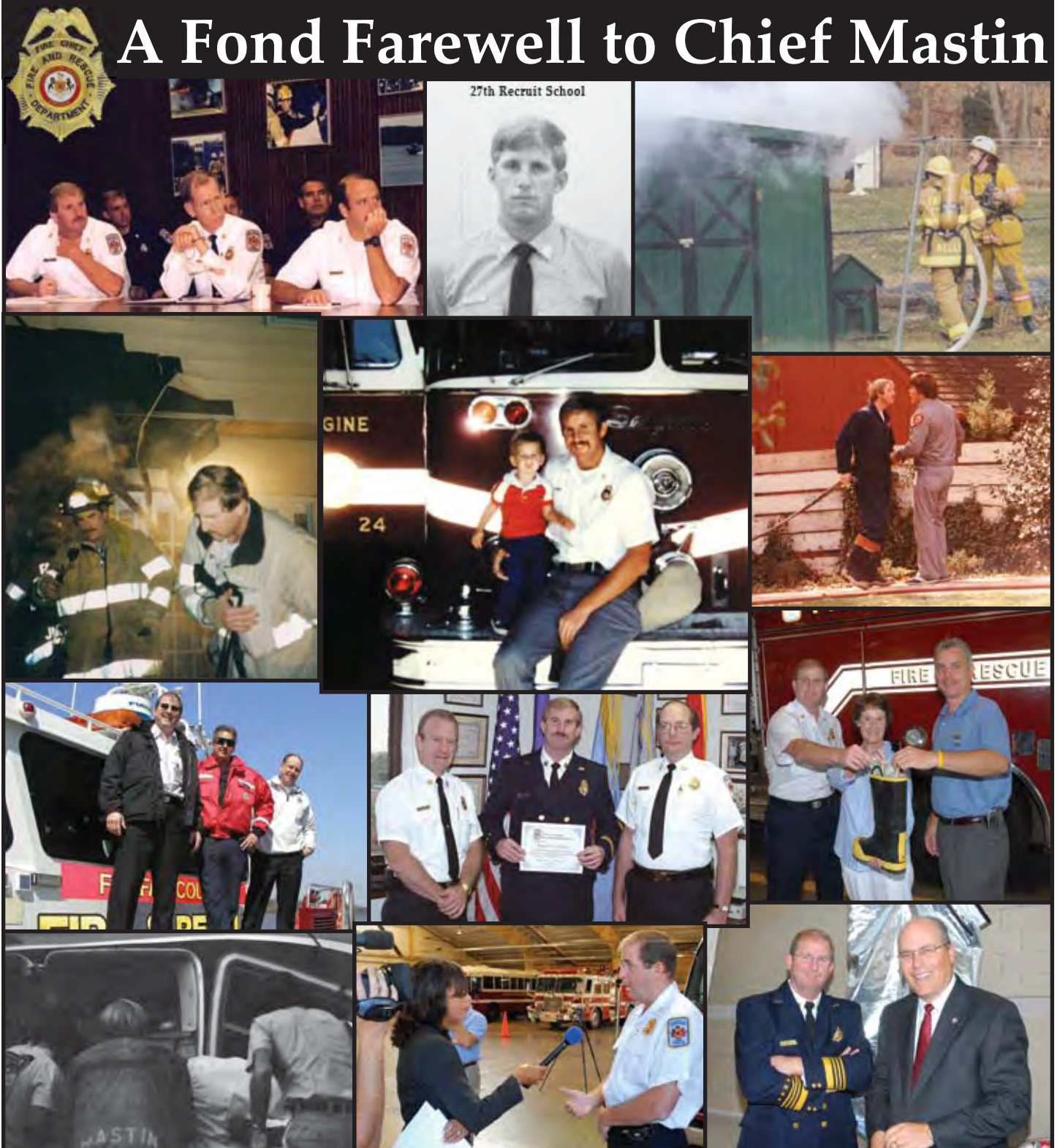


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## A Fond Farewell to Chief Mastin





Ronald L. Mastin

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## From The Fire Chief . . .

Writing my final Line Copy article is bittersweet as I prepare to end my 40 year career in the fire service, with the last six as Chief of this great organization. I have many special memories from both Henrico, where I was fortunate enough to also serve as Fire Chief, and Fairfax. It was the people who I met and worked with that made it enjoyable and memorable. This career has provided me with numerous once in a lifetime opportunities that required both a tremendous time commitment and family support. Throughout my career, I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve and to have my wife of 35 years, Gloria, support me. She and our children, Aaron and Melanie, have made many sacrifices throughout the years and without them I certainly would not have been successful. I can never repay them for the many nights of shift work and late meetings that have caused me to miss family occasions over the years.

I also want to thank those that have made this job such a great experience, including the assistant chiefs, support staff, and men and women of this organization who make me proud every day. No matter where one goes in the world, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is a well-known and respected organization

because of everyone's hard work, dedication, and excellence. This certainly has made my work much easier, as I have had to only follow their lead to enjoy success. None of this would've been possible without the continued support of our elected officials and county leadership. I have greatly appreciated their confidence in me to lead this great team. I can think of no other fire and rescue department that offers the quality of emergency response, community outreach, and growth opportunities for its members and the community than Fairfax County. Our combination department has a shared vision of service to the community and operates in a seamless manner to ensure these are executed daily. Being able to lead and work hand in hand with everyone to meet our core values and mission has been a pleasure—the memories will stay with me forever.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy career. Take advantage of the many opportunities this great county and organization offers so you can meet your career goals while serving in this prestigious profession. Take care of your family and your coworkers, respect one another, live our core values each and every day, and make sure everyone goes home at the end of every shift. God-speed to you all. v



# Letter of Thanks

February 9, 2013

Chief Ronald Mastin  
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue  
4100 Chain Bridge Road - 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Chief Mastin:

Late yesterday afternoon, West Centreville Station 38 Fire & Rescue Squad responded to a 911 call placed for our elderly neighbor Dorothy Griffin, who had accidentally fallen and hit her head on the front stoop of her home and was unconscious. I would like to commend and express my deep appreciation and gratefulness for the men and women first responders and paramedics who arrived on the scene and courageously gave emergency medical treatment in a very difficult and life-threatening situation.

Many neighbors gathered on the periphery, thankful that Dorothy was being attended to by a team of trained and caring individuals. Several of the children living on the street, who love Dorothy, were witness to incredible role models and heroes yesterday. After the paramedics left to transport her to the Fairfax Hospital Trauma Unit, your firefighter/EMT unit cleaned the scene, and what especially touched my teenage daughter and I was one member took the time to hose down the area so her family would not come home to be reminded of her injuries. We will never forget that gesture of kindness.

Tragically, Dorothy passed away at the hospital last night. We were reminded of our humanity; that life is precious, and not to be squandered. People and our relationships matter. It is comforting to know that she had the best help possible and we live in an area so fortunately protected.

To the West Centreville Station 38, and all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue teams, on behalf of my family and neighbors I say thank you! For the unpredictable days and nights that you face in the line of duty; for the happy endings as well as the sad endings, citizens do not take your life saving work for granted.

Sincerely,

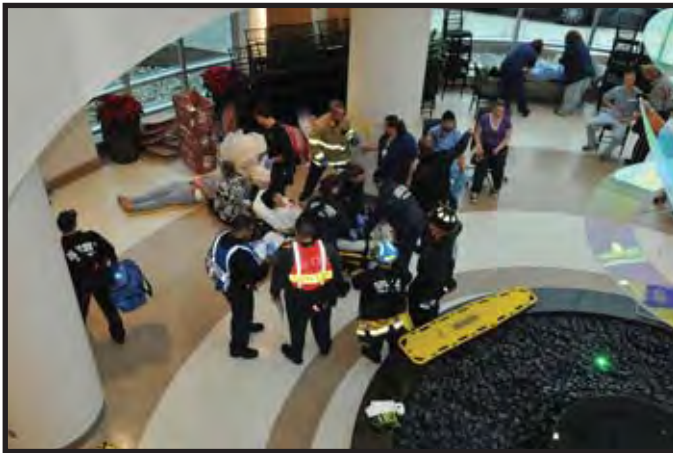
*Amy Millman*  
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Virginia Task Force 1 members work on the rubble pile as part of a demonstration of their recently opened training center at 9900 Furnace Road, Lorton, Oct. 19, 2012. Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Mount Vernon, and several other VIPs attended the two-hour event. The team is spotlighted on the most recent Fire & Rescue Digest program on Channel 16, and can be viewed from our web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr).

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On Sunday, December 16, multiple units from the second and fourth battalions, along with more than 50 members of the Fairfax County Police Dept., participated in a large-scale Active Shooter drill in Inova Fairfax Hospital's new South Patient Tower. This drill was the culmination of many months of effort by Battalion Chief Tyrone Harrington, in conjunction with Officer Steven Faett of FCPD and members of Inova Health System's Emergency Management Team, including FCFRD Associate Operational Medical Director Dan Avstreich and VA TF-1 member Dan Hanfling. The drill featured multiple active shooters and over 30 patients that were meticulously moulaged by Captain Jerome Williams and his team. Many other career and volunteer members of the department participated in the drill, which was the first of its kind in a hospital environment, and featured participants from all hospital service lines, including physicians from Trauma Surgery and Emergency Medicine. Above are highlights from the drill, deemed a great success by all and an important step forward toward greater collaborative training between the health systems and the public safety community. (Photos by Dr. Dan Avstreich)



Virginia Task Force 1 members visited and met with the United States Agency for International Development, February 6, 2013, at USAID Headquarters, the Ronald Reagan Building. Dog handlers Teresa McPherson and K-9 Banks, along with Jen Massey, and K-9 Atticus, demonstrated their skills to the children present, and to Rajiv Shah, Administrator, USAID. (Photo by Sarah Potts, USAID)



# Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band to Pipe Colors & Torch off the Field

By Liz Rollison  
Retirement Association

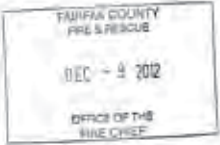

The Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band has received the incredible honor of an invitation to pipe the colors and torch off the field during the closing ceremony of the World Police and Fire Games in Belfast, Ireland, August 1–10, 2013. The band will not only be performing at the closing ceremony representing all fire/police athletes from the USA, but they will also send the torch on its way to the next games being held in 2015 in the United States hosted by Fairfax County.

The pipes and drums of the Northern Virginia Firefighters perform at many public events, festivals, funerals, and parades throughout the year. They are the coordinating band at the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Weekend

in Emmitsburg. They participate in Rolling Thunder's Ride of the Patriots, the Marine Corps Marathon and many other events. Every member of the band volunteers their time and their money to support the mission of the band, which is to draw attention to the good works of the fire service and to honor our fallen. As one can imagine, the trip to Ireland is quite expensive. The band will conduct several fundraisers throughout the year to help with the expenses.

For more information on their fundraisers, how to make a contribution, or to become a member of the band, please go to their web page [www.novairishpipes.org](http://www.novairishpipes.org), or contact Battalion Chief Brian Brendel (5-C) ([brian.brendel@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:brian.brendel@fairfaxcounty.gov)) v

## Letter of Appreciation

<p>From: Anitha Raj &amp; Raj Krishnapillay</p> <p>To: Mr. Ronald L. Mastin Fire Chief</p> <p>Fairfax County Fire &amp; Rescue Department Dated: Dec 06<sup>th</sup>, 2012</p> <p>Dear Chief,</p> <p><b>Sub:</b> Letter of appreciation for the Crew (FF &amp; Paramedics) of Fire Stations 415 &amp; Station 417</p> <p>We (Anitha Raj &amp; Raj) wish to place on record our extreme heartfelt appreciation in recognition of the extraordinary care provided by the personnel at the above stations:</p> <p>A brief background will be in order here:</p> <p>I am Anitha Raj, a 48 year old lady, with a loving husband and 22 year old daughter. I was in perfect health, slim with a height of 5'3" and 125 pounds until the morning of April 18. That morning after my regular exercise when I sat down to eat my breakfast I felt faint and nausea. As I was alone at home at that time I called 911 immediately. I do not remember anything until 2 weeks later when I woke up in the hospital to learn that I had suffered a massive heart attack. It has been a challenging time for us ever since. I was put on LVAD and waited patiently for a perfect donor match. I was truly blessed to have had a successful heart transplant on Oct. 10, at INOVA Fairfax hospital. I am progressing as expected.</p> <p>The 911 responders at the above stations gave MY LIFE back to me, a second life. The personnel involved have been named below. Each of them has a special and meaningful place in my new heart. They gave me the gift of life and did so without even thinking of anything in return – not even this note of appreciation. Such is their spirit, devotion, dedication and unflinching faith in their ability that this adage comes to mind, "When souls speak there is no need for words". I am sure they do the same for each patient. My family and I are a witness to the service provided and will remain ever grateful to each one of them</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>If it weren't for the extraordinary responders at the above stations, I wouldn't be writing this note. What these individuals do selflessly and steadfastly over and over again for core of normal people is beyond notes or recognition. They have touched so many lives and will continue to do so.</p> <p>May we request you Sir, to kindly convey our heartfelt and grateful appreciation personally, if possible, to each of the individuals mentioned below? It would be the best wish fulfillment for us. We have a lot to be thankful this year and for years ahead and we owe that to each of the personnel named here. We wish them and their loved ones the very best in life.</p> <p>Thanking you and all at the Fire and Rescue Department from the bottom of my heart,</p> <p>Sincerely,  Anitha Raj</p> <p><b>Note: Details of Incident and Personnel</b></p> <p>Incident date – April 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, Time: 0930-1030 AM</p> <p><b>Station 415 personnel:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>E415</td> <td>M 440</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Mr. Steven Gauntner</td> <td>1. Julie Sennal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Lt. Gary Vazzola</td> <td>2. Daniel Barker (Station 417)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Adam Bartman</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Anigolo Davis</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	E415	M 440	1. Mr. Steven Gauntner	1. Julie Sennal	2. Lt. Gary Vazzola	2. Daniel Barker (Station 417)	3. Adam Bartman		4. Anigolo Davis	
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# *It's Important to Know Your Line of Duty Benefits*

By Captain II David W. Hall  
Occupational Health and Safety

## **Federal Government Benefits**

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Act provides *death benefits* in the form of a one-time financial payment to the eligible survivors of public safety officers whose death are the direct and proximate result of a traumatic/catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty or certain eligible heart attacks or strokes. As defined by Congress in Public Law 90-351 (Sec.1217), a public safety officer is an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, *firefighter*, or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew. The amount of the PSOB Benefit is \$328,612 for eligible deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2012.

The PSOB Program provides *disability benefits* for public safety officers who have been permanently and totally disabled by a catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty if that injury permanently prevents the officer from performing any gainful work. Medical retirement for a line-of-duty disability does not, in and of itself, establish eligibility for PSOB benefits, [www.psob.gov](http://www.psob.gov).

The PSOB Program includes **Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Act**. This act expands on the former Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Program to provide financial assistance for *higher education* for spouses and children of federal, state, and local public safety officers who have been permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty. The PSOB office works with national-level police and firefighter groups to provide visible and emotional support to this unique constituency. *The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation* provides peer counseling, training, and technical assistance

for families and coworkers of firefighters who were killed in the line of duty. "*Line of Duty*" means any action the deceased or disabled person was obligated or authorized to perform by rule, regulation, condition of employment or service, or law.

## **Virginia State Benefits**

**(Refer to your state of residence for specific information.)**

A one-time financial payment of **\$100,000** will be paid to the survivors of a public safety officer if death occurred as a direct or proximate result of performance of duty, and is effective January 1, 2006, per state code and applicable to both career and volunteer firefighters. If death was caused by a respiratory disease, hypertension, heart disease, or some forms of cancer, it may be presumed to be duty-related if it occurs out of or in the course of employment and/or within five years post retirement. In these cases, the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive the sum of **\$25,000**. [www.doa.virginia.gov](http://www.doa.virginia.gov).

## **Funeral Benefits**

**(Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission)**

A maximum of **\$10,000** for burial expenses, plus up to **\$1,000** for transportation of the deceased are available to the survivors, if compensable claim before two year statute. [www.vwc.state.va.us](http://www.vwc.state.va.us).

## **Retirement/Pension Plan-Career Firefighters**

If a firefighter employed in a Virginia Retirement System position dies from work-related causes, the spouse, minor children or parent receives 50 percent of the average final compensation if the beneficiary does not qualify for Social Security survivor benefits. If the beneficiary does qualify for Social Security, the

retirement benefit is reduced to 33 1/3 percent of the average final compensation. This benefit is reduced by Workers' Compensation benefits. The beneficiary also receives a refund of contributions and interest credited to the firefighter's account. Spouse's monthly benefits continue throughout his or her lifetime, even after marriage. If there are minor children at the time of the remarriage, they will receive the monthly benefit until age 18. If the survivor is a minor child, the benefit ends at age 18. The death benefit is paid in addition to any life insurance coverage the firefighter may have had. The life insurance provides a double indemnity for accidental death.

### Education

Undergraduate tuition and required educational and ancillary fees are waived for children ages 16-25 at any public institution of higher learning in Virginia. The education benefit for spouses is the same as for children, except for the age restriction.  
**[www.schev.edu](http://www.schev.edu)**

### Virginia Public Safety Foundation

Provides immediate payment of \$500 to the families of firefighters killed in the line of duty.  
**[www.vpsf.org](http://www.vpsf.org)**

### Heroes, Inc.

Heroes Inc. serves surviving families in the Northern Virginia region. Benefits may include \$5,000 for immediate expenses and \$6,000 for funeral expenses. Further assistance is provided shortly after death, and professional counseling is available to family members. The benefits listed are a reference of what MAY be available in the event of a line of duty death. Each case is unique and will need to be evaluated before any benefits are disbursed. Benefits are subject to change as defined and interpreted by each organization. Benefits may also be affected by legislation that is passed.  
**[www.heroes.org](http://www.heroes.org)** v

The Apparatus Section is pleased to have placed three new medics in service. The new medics are at Fire Stations 411 Penn Daw, 434 Oakton, and 415 Chantilly. These new units bring some changes requested by the end users. They include:

- New chassis. These units are on an International 4300.
- Larger AC in patient area.
- CPR/IV seat was moved towards the back a couple of feet for better patient access.
- Audible warning devices increased in output.
- More emergency lighting from the rear.
- Air horn switch taken off of the floor so civilians do not step on it while in the cab. A pull chain was added for the OIC to use the Air Horn.
- The color scheme was changed to match the fleet. Fleet consistency!
- An insulated compartment was made for the temperature control box, replacing the mermaid unit.





# *The Mysterious Personal Protective Equipment Center: What is it and why do we have it?*

*By Jordan Davis, PPEC Manager,  
Globe CARES, LLC*

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is one of the world's most advanced fire and rescue departments and strives to be on the cutting edge of technology, equipment, training, and services provided to the citizens of our community. That commitment to excellence is also extended to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders and the way it is cared for. PPE can be the difference between adequate protection and firefighter injury. Keeping it clean and properly maintained not only extends its serviceable life, but can also help ensure you are adequately protected against many of the hazards a firefighter encounters.

As a firefighter, it is important to become familiar with your turnout gear. This familiarity will help you maintain a sense of awareness when changes have occurred that might adversely affect the performance of the clothing. Normal use of turnout gear can cause damage such as rips, punctures, opened seams, or loose trim. High heat exposure can cause degradation to the fabrics – often evidenced by discoloration or charring. These are issues that are easy to identify through a visual inspection. But there are a plethora of other concerns that are not as easily identified. For example, damage may be caused to the internal moisture barrier, resulting in a loss of liquid penetration protection. The thermal liner may become damaged, resulting in a reduction in thermal protection. Soiled gear provides less insulation, is more likely to conduct heat and electricity, will lack liquid-shedding properties, and can become potentially flammable. Many fireground contaminants are carcinogens and skin toxic chemicals. Failure to remove these from the gear can increase your exposure and

risk for adverse health conditions.

It is important to note that the proper care and maintenance of turnout gear is not only the responsibility of the firefighter. The department must also have a vested interest in this matter. Over a decade ago, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department upheld its commitment to firefighter safety when it set up the **Personal Protective Equipment Center (PPEC)**. Housed within the Logistics Distribution Center in Springfield, VA, the PPEC provides cleaning, inspection, repair, and evaluation services for all PPE elements, including helmets, jackets, pants, boots, gloves, and hoods. The center operates within the framework set forth in NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, 2008 Edition. This voluntary standard sets forth specific requirements and minimum procedures for the inspection, cleaning, repair, storage, and retirement of turnout gear.

The Fairfax model is truly unique in the sense that the department directly manages and administers its NFPA 1851 program. Rather than outsourcing to an off-site third-party provider, the county has chosen to establish a strategic relationship with Globe CARES, LLC to provide an expert care and maintenance program on-site. This brings in industry-leading knowledge, techniques, resources and expertise, expedites the cleaning and repair process and allows firefighters ample opportunities to resolve gear issues through personalized, one-on-one customer service. It also allows for the county to maintain complete control over inventory, as well as complete access to relevant data – which, in turn, en-



# Celebrating 50 Years of Distinguished Service

## MVFD Honors Clyde Clark



On December 5, 2012, the McLean VFD honored Clyde Clark for 50 years of service to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. As part of the celebration, Mr. Clark

was presented with the first ever MVFD President's Service Award in recognition of his 50 years of distinguished service.

Mr. Clark has been the Volunteer President and Chief of the MVFD and a member of its Board of Directors. He joined the volunteer

fire services of Fairfax County in 1958. Mr. Clark became a member of the MVFD in 1962 and since then has continued to play a vital role in the development, implementation and delivery of fire services in McLean and Fairfax County, Virginia. He has consistently been nominated by county leadership to serve on various commissions and committees that have helped develop the fire and rescue services in Fairfax County. He has been instrumental in the development of many firefighter protocols in Fairfax County and its surrounding communities. As a volunteer firefighter with McLean Volunteer Fire Department, he has held almost every position within the volunteer ranks, and for the past 25 years has served as the Volunteer Chief (1995 - 1997 & 1998 - 2009) and President (1990 - 1993) of the department. v

hances its ability to optimize its PPE investment and control future costs.

Our mission at the PPEC is rather simple:

To outfit Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department staff with the highest quality, properly fitting turnout gear, and to maintain that gear in a manner that not only meets, but exceeds, county and NFPA standards.

Located at 6800A Industrial Road, Springfield, VA, the PPEC is staffed by two inspectors, six full-time stitchers, and a center manager. We are open from 0700 to 1530, Monday through Friday. We are here to address your needs and answer any questions you may have regarding your PPE and encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If we may be of service to you, or if you have any questions,

please call us at 703-658-3831 or email Jordan Davis directly at [jdavis@globefiresuits.com](mailto:jdavis@globefiresuits.com). v



Firefighter Dominic S. Runfola, Fire and Rescue Station 12, Great Falls, is presented the Don Smith Award by Sharon Bulova, Chairman, BOS, and Ed Long, County Executive, at the January 29, 2013, BOS meeting. (Photo by Lisa Connors)

# Fire Ground Ventilation Must Be Coordinated

By Captain I David Barlow  
Fire and Rescue Academy

**D**ecember 15, 2005, the crew of TL424 was involved in ventilation induced flashover; a fire captain was injured and subsequently retired. April 3, 2007, the crew of E415 was involved in a ventilation simulator or smoke explosion violently blowing the crew down the stairs and out the front door of the structure. January 22, 2011, crews of Engine and Truck 422 were involved in a ventilation induced rapid fire development at a routine townhouse fire. On June 2, 2011, the crew of San Francisco E26, Lieutenant Vinny Perez and FF/Med Tony Valemo, were killed in a ventilation induced flashover.

We don't have to go far to find a LODD or Close Call report where some sort of rapid fire propagation event took place. In most cases, the event was caused by firefighters on scene who unknowingly provided the fire the critical missing element of oxygen, effectively lighting the fuse for a flashover, ventilation simulator, or other rapid fire development event. Modern day combustibles, lightweight building construction, and energy efficient buildings make the need for coordinated and deliberate ventilation practices on the fire ground imperative. Uncoordinated and arbitrary ventilation is dangerous and can lead to firefighter injury or death.

The Field Training Branch has placed a greater emphasis on fire behavior and firefighter safety in recent years with the flashover program and Acquired Structure Live Fire Program. The 2013 Training Plan will continue that theme with the OARs A session: "Ventilations' Effect on Fire Behavior." The program includes a classroom session and a practical application session using the department's new ventilation simulator.

The ventilation simulator is a 20-foot shipping container that has four openings or ventilation ports. Two openings in the front and two openings in the back of the container serve as the simulated doors and windows into the fire com-

partment. The container sits on steel wheels and a pivot point to facilitate changes in wind direction. The simulator uses a Class A fuel load of 12 pallets, six sheets of homasote and two sheets of OSB. Participants are placed around the container at predetermined safe distance to observe the session. Instructors then ignite the fire load in the container and begin the class. The instructor will talk about the various indicators regarding fire development as the fire in the container reaches flashover. After flashover in the container is achieved, the ventilation openings will be closed up, thus creating a replica ventilation limited fire event frequently encountered by firefighters. Instructors will then go through various ventilation sequences discussing indicators of fuel, heat, and air status along with smoke conditions. The procedure is duplicated numerous times until the fuel in the container is consumed.

The primary goal of the program is to give firefighters and fire officers the training and tools needed to understand and interpret fire conditions on the incident scene and determine the best course of action. Firefighters have only three tactical options on the fire ground as it relates to rapid fire propagation avoidance. The following options will be covered during the OARs session in detail as each one has its place on the fire ground:

Option 1- *Close it up*- maintain the ventilation limited environment by not allowing additional air into the structure.

Option 2- *Cool it off*- add water to the compartment to cool off the environment thus preventing a rapid fire propagation event.

Option 3- *Open it up*- ventilating the structure and allowing the structure to flash prior to entry may be the best and safest option.

In the end, participants will have a fundamental understanding of the effect of ventilation on fire, highlighting the critical importance of coordinated ventilation on the fire ground. v



A special thanks goes to the following personnel who were instrumental in development, acquisition and the construction of the ventilation simulator:

Battalion Chief Richard A. Roatch  
Captain I Bill C. Betz  
Jimmie L. Richards, Jr.  
Raymond E. Blankenship, Jr.  
Fiscal Services  
Members of Company 13-C  
North Apparatus Shop  
Willow Springs Towing



*Fire and Rescue Station 37, Kingstowne, has a new approved station patch. Crew members recently redesigned the patch and submitted it through the chain of command for approval. It has been added to the department's online patch poster and can be viewed at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr).*



*Class A Fuel load burning inside the ventilation simulator.*



*Fire inside container is in growth stage approaching flashover conditions.*



*Fire in container has reached flashover and all ventilation openings are closed to create a ventilation limited fire in a decayed state.*



# Hot Shots



Firefighters responded to a house fire, November 29, 2012, at approximately 3:10 p.m. in the Mount Vernon area. The split-level home at 4105 Fielding Street received damage of \$225,000. Two birds and a pet chinchilla perished in the fire. Two adults and five children were displaced. There were no other injuries. (Photos by Paul Lof)



Lieutenant Carmen Alessi, Technician Jarrod Schmidt, and Technician Justin Murray, Fire and Rescue Station 1, McLean, extricate the trapped driver of an SUV that landed on top of a car during a severe two-vehicle crash on Dolly Madison Avenue, December 3, 2012. Rescue 401 used the newly issued Holtmatro Tool, replacing the older Hurst Tool, to extricate the driver. The Holtmatro Tool is lighter, faster, more powerful, has quick connects, and can accommodate two tools simultaneously. The tool can also cut through the heavier and stronger metals now used in newer vehicles. The driver was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Rescue 401 is the first heavy rescue to be issued the new extrication tool. (Photos by Lieutenant Christopher Sampl)





Firefighters responded to a fully involved house fire, January 23, 2013, at 3103 Manor Drive, Falls Church. Firefighters conducted a defensive operation due to the heavy and overwhelming volume of fire. An adult female and a female teenager died in the fire. Two dogs and eight cats also perished. (Photo by Anthony Tull, NBC 4 reporter)



Firefighters battle a house fire at 8134 Carr Place in the West Springfield area, at approximately 9:50 a.m., January 31, 2013. The accidental fire caused \$225,000 in damages, one firefighter was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Two adults, one youth, and a dog were displaced. An electrical power strip in the garage caused the fire.



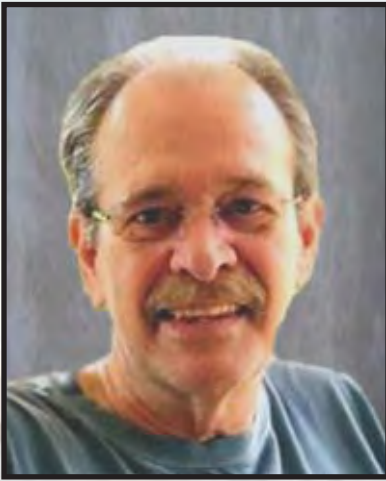
Firefighters responded to a house fire, Monday, January 21, 2013, at approximately 7:35 p.m., in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The single-family home is located at 3301 Clayborne Avenue. Firefighters encountered a ranch style home fully involved with fire upon arrival. Heavy smoke and fire was reported from the front, sides, and rear of the home. Firefighters brought the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Damage is estimated at \$242,000. According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. An unattended space heater too close to combustibles caused the fire.



Firefighters responded to 5455 Cheshire Meadows Way in the Fairview area of Fairfax County on January 17, 2013. E432 was the first arriving unit on scene to a middle townhouse with heavy fire coming from the rear basement doors and extending to the first floor. One firefighter received non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the Washington Burn Center and later released. No one was home at the time of the fire. Damages were estimated at \$150,000. The cause is still under investigation. (Photo by Master Technician David Higgins, FS32-A)



# In Remembrance . . .



## Charles W. "Chip" Theodore October 31, 1946 - January 14, 2013

Charles "Chip" Theodore, 66, beloved husband of Maia Dalton-Theodore, father of Terry Theodore and Kimberly Rucker, grandfather of Zachary, Garrett, and Matthew Theodore, and of Jack, Anthony, and Blake Rucker, died January 14, 2013.

A native Arlingtonian, Chip served in the Navy and was assigned to Iceland, and additionally served two tours in Vietnam with the US Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74. He was also temporarily attached to the Marine Corps as a sniper.

Upon his return to Northern Virginia, he joined the Arlington County Fire Department and retired as a Captain and Station Commander. He also served as the Director of Emergency Medical Services for Arlington County. He retired from the Arlington County Fire Department in 1987, and worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor with Arlington Hospital ATU, and INOVA CATS. He was also a leader in developing peer support for the Traumatic Stress Management of Emergency Responders. Upon his passing, Chip was the Behavioral Health Coordinator for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



February 17, 2013

Chief Ronald Mastin  
Fairfax Fire and Rescue  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Chief Mastin,

I would like to formally thank you for your support during the last 6 weeks. It is hard to believe that it has been a month since Chip's death. He so loved coming back to the department and relished working with the employees. He appreciated your support and belief in his work.

I am so grateful for the care and compassion we received from so many people on the department. I would like to thank the First Team, the Chaplains, the Honor Guard and the Training bus-E410. It was all so overwhelming to know how much people cared for Chip and for the family. We truly felt as though we were part of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Family!

Please accept my sincere gratitude on behalf of the Theodore, Dalton and Rucker families.

Sincerely,

*Maia Dalton-Theodore*  
Maia Dalton-Theodore



# *A Fond Farewell from Chaplain McIntosh*



**M**y journey through Fairfax County is coming to an end. It all started when I joined the Penn Daw Volunteer Fire Department in 1963, well, maybe when we moved here in December of 1962. I was an Uncle Sam transplant as a member of the United States Air Force.

Being discharged on January 12, 1964, I was hired January 26, 1964 as a professional firefighter. Having been a firefighter/crash rescue specialist in the Air Force, I brought my expertise into Fairfax County Fire Department.

My career spanned 30 years. I saw many innovations that propelled Fairfax County into one of the most innovative and well-trained departments in the country.

During the last part of my career, I felt the calling into the ministry. To make a long story short, upon my retirement from the department, Chief Glenn Gaines appointed me Chaplain of the department. As we never had a chaplain, it was up to me to put the program together.

At the request of the department, mainly Deputy Chief Ken Jones, I was ordained into the Gospel Ministry. I remember saying to my wife that night, "What have I gotten myself into?"

My second career as a Chaplain/Minister was filled with excitement and challenges. From seminary to performing weddings and funerals, being part of the Crisis Support Team, Pastoral Care, and responding to emergency calls and "just being there," or as we call it, "Ministry of Presence" was gratifying.

Some of my accomplishments:

- Founder of the Council of Governments Public Safety Chaplains.
- Chaplain to Virginia Task Force I.
- Lead Chaplain at the Pentagon on 9-11-2001.
- Chaplain to the Council of Governments Fire Chief's Sub-committee.
- Committee to the Fairfax County Community Chaplains Corps.
- Associate Pastor to Virginia Hills Baptist Church.

Of course none of this would have happened if it were not for the support of my wife Ruth. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 17, 2012. She has been at my side through thick and thin. She has inspired me to do the best job I could, and win or lose, she was there and still is.

Most of all, we will miss the camaraderie of the friends, co-workers, and those we leave behind. We have moved to Ephrata, PA and have started a new journey. I have no idea what it will be, but God knows and I sure wish he would let me know. We know no one there, no relatives, no church, and don't even know where the closest fire station is, but we do have a brand new home. The welcome light is always on.

So, good-bye, good luck, stay safe and God bless each and everyone. But like General McArthur once said, "I shall return."

*Reverend Grant and Ruth McIntosh  
Chaplain 401 signing off*



Fire Chief Ronald Mastin presents a check for more than \$3,000 to the American Cancer Society, January 8, 2013, at a Board of Supervisors meeting. Firefighters wore pink t-shirts in early October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (Photo by Lisa Connors)

## Top 10 Activity Report

### January - December 2012

#### Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 409	1,807
A 408	1,776
A 411	1,331
A 410	1,289
A 422E	595
A 414E	285
A 405E	240
A 402E	237
A 401E	226
A 421E	213

#### Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 409	2,973
E 410	2,966
E 408	2,965
E 411	2,830
E 429	2,809
E 430	2,730
E 413	2,718
E 422	2,627
E 425	2,533
E 404	2,456

#### Rescue Squad

Unit	Calls
R 426	1,409
R 421	1,374
R 411	1,310
R 418	1,180
R 401	1,163
R 419	1,033
R 414	887
R 439	824

#### Medic

Unit	Calls
M 410	2,463
M 422	2,416
M 411	2,361
M 409	2,351
M 430	2,312
M 413	2,306
M 408	2,293
M 425	2,267
M 429	2,262
M 426	2,181

#### Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	1,816
T 425	1,806
T 410	1,584
TL 440	1,448
TL 436	1,350
T 411	1,349
TL 430	1,333
T 422	1,294
TL 408	1,153
TL 401	1,076

#### Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS 404	1,804
EMS 405	1,739
EMS 402	1,455
EMS 403	1,361
EMS 406	1,193
EMS 401	1,190
EMS 407	907
BC 403	822
BC 404	697
BC 402	636

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

## Birth Announcements

Lieutenant Chris Smith (FS38-C) and Lieutenant Jessica Perry Spear (FS09-C) welcomed their daughter, Rebecca Leslie, into the world on August 3, 2012.

Firefighter Ampofo Davis (FS38-B) and his wife welcomed their daughter, Danita Aboagyewaa, into the world on December 5, 2012.

Firefighter "Rocky" Banagan (FS22-B) and his wife, Katy, welcomed their daughter, Gabriella, into the world on December 14, 2012.

Firefighter Lauren Saffoori (FS20-C) and her husband, Ramsy, welcomed their daughter, Shai Elizabeth, into the world January 1, 2013.

Technician Rony Avalos (FS39-C) and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their son, Rony Alexander, into the world on January 17, 2013.

Steve Dennis (IT) and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their daughter, Hayven Leigh, into the world on January 20, 2013.

Firefighter Kathryn Roose (FS36-C) and Master Technician Kevin Roose (FS30-C) welcomed their son, Gabriel Kevin, into the world on January 24, 2013.

Firefighter Merneptah Funn (FS36-C) and his wife, Meagan, welcomed their daughter, Melodi Leilani, into the world on February 14, 2013.

Technician Eric Edwards (FS27-A) and his wife, Laura, welcomed their son, London Alexander, into the world on February 20, 2013.





## Community Outreach Program Highlights



*Firefighters, retirees, and civilian staff once again descended upon Fire and Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, for the department's annual toy and winter coat giveaway for local children in need on December, 11, 2012. Supporters included: Operation Warm/Kids, Promax Realtors, Apple Credit Union, Nationwide Creditors, Rotary Club of Tysons, Service Employees International Union, Occasionally Cake, IAFF, Local 2068, and Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc. A record number of children were reached from this annual event.*



*Crews from Fire and Rescue Station 13, Dunn Loring, Fire and Rescue Station 1, McLean, and staff deliver 45 winter coats to add to Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District, and Reston Interfaiths' Annual Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet Drive, December, 2012, at the North County Government Center.*

# Large Loss Fire Investigations

**Date:** 11/17/2012 **Box:** 37-05 **Address:** 7740 Desiree Street **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$320,000 **Loss:** \$165,000 **Status:** Close

**Date:** 11/21/2012 **Box:** 14-02 **Address:** 9924 Manet Road **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Under Investigation **Value:** \$409,330 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Open

**Date:** 11/23/2012 **Box:** 13-01 **Address:** 1880 Howard Avenue **Type:** Commercial  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$2,700,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 11/29/2012 **Box:** 24-33 **Address:** 4105 Fielding Street **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Under Investigation **Value:** \$271,520 **Loss:** \$240,000 **Status:** Open

**Date:** 12/4/2012 **Box:** 30-12 **Address:** 3070 Southern Elm Court **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$367,390 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 12/5/2012 **Box:** 35-04 **Address:** 7609 Davisfield Lane **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Under Investigation **Value:** \$566,445 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Open

**Date:** 12/12/2012 **Box:** 27-00 **Address:** 8733 Sheridan Farms Court **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$270,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 12/15/2012 **Box:** 18-51 **Address:** 8221 Leesburg Pike **Type:** Commercial  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 12/20/2012 **Box:** 36-02 **Address:** 13265 Coppermill Drive **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Under Investigation **Value:** \$2,997,750 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Open

**Date:** 1/2/2013 **Box:** 09-00 **Address:** 819 Eden Court **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$533,145 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/9/2013 **Box:** 34-09 **Address:** 10327 Bushman Drive **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Under Investigation **Value:** \$341,152 **Loss:** \$114,000 **Status:** Open

**Date:** 1/11/2013 **Box:** 12-03 **Address:** 9608 Georgetown Pike **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$148,970 **Loss:** \$65,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/15/2013 **Box:** 31-00 **Address:** 12383 Copenhagen Court **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$376,500 **Loss:** \$125,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/17/2013 **Box:** 32-03 **Address:** 5455 Cheshire Meadows Way **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$360,000 **Loss:** \$180,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/18/2013 **Box:** 14-04 **Address:** 6009 Ticonderoga Court **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$255,330 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/21/2013 **Box:** 11-36 **Address:** 3301 Clayborne Avenue **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$262,000 **Loss:** \$242,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 1/31/2013 **Box:** 27-04 **Address:** 8134 Carr Place **Type:** Residential  
**Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$368,145 **Loss:** \$275,000 **Status:** Closed



# Awards & Presentations

## 15 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician William L. Franklin  
Master Technician David H. Stroup

## 9 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Sean M. Fensterwald  
Master Technician Rodney D. Snapp  
Master Technician Loi M. Thai  
Technician Marc G. Campet  
Firefighter Archie S. Fellows  
Firefighter Mark D. Franklin  
Firefighter Jason P. Kelly  
Firefighter Richard G. Peterson

## 6 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Kelly S. Joplin  
Master Technician Brian P. Moore

Master Technician Kevin M. Roose  
Technician Carlos E. Contreras, Jr.  
Technician Christopher R. Gay  
Technician Vernon Johnson  
Technician Kristopher R. Keyser  
Technician Andrew L. Rose  
Firefighter Joseph A. Breslin  
Technician Jason C. Earl  
Firefighter Jorge M. Martinez  
Firefighter Christopher L. Rhodes  
Firefighter Ariel J. Rodriguez

## 3 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician  
Christopher M. Kroboth  
Technician Sean P. Berg  
Technician Nicholas F. Heufelder  
Technician Paul T. Marria  
Technician Derrick W. Payne  
Technician Damian C. Ripley

Firefighter Erin J. Corbin  
Firefighter James J. Hannan III  
Firefighter Medic Jason J. Kim  
Firefighter Medic Christopher F. Martin  
Firefighter Bradley J. Meletti  
Firefighter Joshua M. Morrison  
Firefighter Tina M. Nally  
Technician Robert T. Seward  
Firefighter Medic Brandon K. Truman

## All American Heroes Award

*Muscular Dystrophy Association*  
"Fill the Boot"

Master Technician Joel J. Kobersteen

## 2012 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards

**Volunteer Firefighter**.....Justin Miller,  
Dunn Loring  
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

**Volunteer Operational Officer**..... K. Blake Payne,  
Greater Springfield  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Volunteer BLS Provider**..... Elliot Zaret,  
Great Falls  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Volunteer EMS Provider** ..... Kayla Thompson,  
Greater Springfield  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Volunteer ALS Provider** ..... Jaime Keith,  
Dunn Loring  
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

**Volunteer Rookie** ..... Benjamin Sisson,  
Centreville  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Administrative Member** .....Richard Morani,  
Dunn Loring  
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

**Administrative Officer** ..... Anna Marie Johnson,  
Franconia  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Canteen Member**..... Richard Machado,  
Greater Springfield  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Special Recognition** .....Rev. Grant McIntosh,  
Lorton  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Team Performance**..... Camilla Morrison,  
Fair Oaks  
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

**Team Performance**..... Alan Woolf,  
Centreville  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Team Performance**..... Sean Malone,  
McLean  
Volunteer Fire Department

**Team Performance**.....Gary Gaal,  
Franconia  
Volunteer Fire Department

# "Taking Up"



**Battalion Chief  
Gregory A. Bunch**

**Entry Date:** April 24, 1978

**Retirement date:** December 17, 2012

**Recruit School Number:** 43rd

**Assignments:** 8, 23, 32, 14, 21, 37, 35, PSCC, BC405, BC402

**Likes about the Fire Department:** Most people will call 911 one time in their lives, and being there to help them, and leaving them with a good impression, is the best feeling you can have. I was fortunate to come in with many of the "old school" firefighters and officers,

who all took this job seriously. They were great to learn from. We had camaraderie and looked out for each other.

**Will miss about the fire department:** I will miss it all, even the whiners who continually complain. They do not realize how good they have it. This is truly the best job in the world. To steal an old quote, "If you find something you love to do, you'll never work a day in your life." While there were 20 call days, and certainly "bad days," they were all outweighed by the satisfaction of helping people at the worst moments in their lives. I will miss the dinners with the shift, Dave Bender's legendary weekend brunch, seeing the world with USAR.

**Plans for the Future:** Do some ICS consulting work, and a few other things on the back burner, and fish every chance I get!

**Words of Wisdom:** Look out for and take care of each other.

This is truly a team effort occupation, you cannot do it alone. Take advantage of every training opportunity, and never stop learning. If you think you know it all, consider a career change.

**What got you interested in the fire department?** I grew up four doors down from Sonny Flynn, need I say more? I started volunteering at Station 18 in high school and was hooked.

**Who or what had an influence in your career?** I had the good fortune to work with so many great people and mentors, I could fill this page. At the risk of leaving someone out, several had big impacts, and more importantly, I learned from them. Sonny Flynn, Jack Akre, Bill Spaulding, Junior Gaines (R.I.P.), Doug Turner, Bill Timmons, Ben Dawson, Dan Bickham, Brad Cochrane, Glen Curtis, Glenn Gaines, Kenny Hunsberger, Chris Hunter, John Leete, Jeff Coffman, Steve Rhea, Al Mullins, John Kimball (R.I.P.), and Tony Santore.



*Three generations within the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department family come together. Probationary Firefighter Ryan Chinn, Fire and Rescue Station 28, Seven Corners, center, along with his father retired Captain II James Chinn, and his grandfather, retired Battalion Chief, Chester Chinn, are all smiles following the 133rd Recruit School graduation at Centreville High School.*



**Lieutenant  
Joseph M. Kratochvil**

**Entry Date:** July 26, 1982

**Retirement Date:** December 13, 2012

**Recruit School Number:** 57th

**Assignments:** FS04, FS25, FS12, FS01, FS34, FS01 (B-Shift)



**Likes about the Fire Department:**

The challenge of overcoming the difficult aspects of each incident and trying to make someone's worst day into something a little more manageable for them. The teamwork and family atmosphere that is so unique to this job.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

The close-knit family atmosphere that has been a big part of my life, the variety and types of calls, visiting some interesting buildings, and meeting some interesting/important people.

**Plans for the future:** To teach fire/rescue/haz mat classes, as I adjust to the life of a retiree. Also, while I am adjusting I will do some traveling with my wife to check boxes on my bucket list.

**Words of wisdom:** Learn your job; begin in recruit school and learn something new every day that is job related. Know your job; your recruit school training is the "minimum standard," strive to know more than the minimum throughout the rest of your career. Do your job; take your knowledge and experience and put it to work.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** My father, retired FDNY Fireman Joe Kratochvil (1951-1971).

**Who or what had an influence in your career?** Growing up around FDNY firehouses definitely had a great impact on me. My interest increased during Navy boot camp shipboard fire-fighting classes, until I finally got involved as a firefighter with the Culpeper VFD in 1978.



**Technician**  
**John M. Lockhart**

**Entry Date:** January 28, 1980

**Retirement Date:** December 28, 2012

**Recruit School Number:** 50th

**Assignments:** 5, 22, 23, 8

**Likes about the Fire Department:** The excitement of the fire ground. The good feeling of helping someone in need, in a bad situation.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

All of my friends I have known throughout the years in the department. Great pranksters, good meals, and of course, driving the fire engine.

**Plans for the future:** Enjoy my grandchildren, play lots of golf, do some fishing, take my wife on some wonderful trips.

**Words of wisdom:** Stay up on your training, listen to the old timers, keep working out, and enjoy your time on the job. It will be over before you know it.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** My grandfather. He was a firefighter in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**Who or what had an influence in your career?** Chuck Collier, Mike Ramos, Tyrone Corbin, Verlon Williamson, Richard Cronin, Dick Burbank, Donald Booth, Kenny Sanders, Franke Fuester, Jon Snyder, Bobby Bookwalter, Jeffrey Allen, Will Snyder, and Pete Wright. I thank them all.



**Lieutenant**  
**Bonnie J. Tobalske**

**Entry Date:** January 16, 1990

**Retirement Date:** December 28, 2012

**Recruit School Number:** 77th

**Assignments:** 408, 421, 422, 410, 414, Communications, Resource Management

**Likes about the Fire Department:**

Riding in a fire truck! Meeting new people. Feeling like even if only for a few minutes, I've made a positive change in someone's life.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:**

The people I've met along the way. The unusual things we see and do every day. The opportunities, choices, and challenges of this work we love.

**Plans for the future:** Go C Do B. Travel, adventure, classes, volunteer "work."

**Words of wisdom:** Learn something new every day. Always have a mental (or physical) hug handy. We can only do so much, but we come here to do what we can.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** The tiller truck that drove past my elementary school (to put out the fire at my house.)

**Who or what had an influence in your career?** The earliest stayed the longest - C.O. Duck-er, Phil Pommerening, John Mayers, I've been able to work alongside a lot of people with a lot of knowledge.

## Letter of Appreciation

To all men & women serving at Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department:

I am grateful for the package that you sent to me. I shared these Christmas stockings to my Soldiers and it brought cheers and joy in them when they saw these sweets and goodies. The Soldiers greatly appreciate the time and effort you all spent in preparing the package.

Your thoughts and prayers made a lot of difference especially this Holiday season. They got motivated and it gives them strength to carry on knowing that there are people out there extending their appreciation for the service and sacrifice we provide to our Country.



Hope that Santa brings  
all your favorite things!

Merry Christmas

Again, Thank You and Be safe throughout  
this Holiday Season!

from the men & women of  
A Co, 912th ASD  
Workhorse, Do Work!

\*Company First Sergeant\*

— Pl. accept our  
note as token of  
our appreciation —

## Retirements

Firefighter Michael V. Allen  
April 29, 1985 - December 27, 2012

Battalion Chief Gregory A. Bunch  
April 21, 1979 - December 17, 2012

Captain I Wesley D. Grigg  
May 31, 1983 - January 10, 2013

Battalion Chief James L. Hedrick  
- February 21, 2013

Captain II James A. Iacone  
April 30, 1984 - December 17, 2012

Patricia Johnson,  
Administrative Assistant III  
February 17, 2007 - November 16, 2012

Lieutenant Joseph M. Kratochvil  
July 26, 1982 - December 13, 2012

Master Technician  
Randal A. Leatherman  
October 15, 1985 - January 11, 2013

Technician John M. Lockhart  
January 28, 1980 - December 28, 2012

Firefighter Michael R. Ortmann  
July 26, 1982 - January 10, 2013

Captain II Milton L. Painter  
July 26, 1982 - December 17, 2012

Captain I Richard C. Smith  
July 26, 1982 - December 17, 2012

Lieutenant Bonnie J. Tobalske  
January 16, 1990 - December 28, 2012

## New Hires

William C. Aceto,  
Engineer IV

Timothy J. Gosart,  
Management Analyst I

Leonardo Villada Ospina,  
Engineering Technician I



Fire and Rescue Station 42, Wolftrap, is substantially completed. It will be used for routine training and administrative purposes beginning in the spring. (Photo by Diana Imlay, Planning)



# Anniversaries

## 36 Years

Captain I Robert M. Mohler

## 34 Years

Lieutenant Richard E. Bright  
Captain I Paul A. Masiello

## 33 Years

Battalion Chief Thomas W. Graling  
Captain II Robert A. Konczal  
Technician William E. Teal

## 32 Years

Battalion Chief Dean W. Cox  
Captain II Keith A. Cross

## 31 Years

Captain I David P. Conrad  
Technician Michael L. Frames  
Captain II Mark Guditus  
Captain II James J. Istvan  
Captain II Michael A. Istvan  
Captain I Gerard J. Morrison  
Technician James A. Potter  
Battalion Chief  
Jerome A. Roussillon

## 30 Years

Captain I Edward D. Bowman  
Battalion Chief  
Edward M. Brinkley  
Lieutenant Richard L. Johnson  
Master Technician David J. May  
Captain I Mark A. Nash  
Captain II Gary D. Pemberton  
Captain I James A. Sobota  
Technician Leo T. Sullivan  
Lieutenant Danny R. Urps

## 25 Years

Lieutenant Karrie L. Boswell  
Captain II Robert L. Burlingame  
Master Technician Allen O. Comer  
Lieutenant Eric D. Forbach  
Lieutenant Kristin A. Gaulard  
Technician Charles A. Harman  
Technician John D. Leary, Jr.  
Technician Brian L. Remines  
Maria J. Teel, Business Analyst I  
Firefighter Raymond W. Tricarico  
Captain II Wayne P. Wentzel

## 10 Years

Firefighter Antoine R. Allen  
Technician Brian M. Chinn  
Lieutenant Dustin J. Cramer  
Technician Michael S. Eddy  
Eric K. Fisher, GIS Analyst III  
Technician Edwin E. Flores  
Firefighter Paul P. Fraraccio  
Technician Brian A. Gallamore  
Master Technician  
Brian P. Gillingham  
Technician Rudy Iturrino  
Firefighter Jason P. Kelly  
Technician Mark C. Killion  
Technician Lawrence G. Mullin  
Technician Justin B. Murray  
Master Technician  
Laurie E. Peverill

Technician Dustin Q. Reynolds  
Firefighter Jason D. Schmidt  
Lieutenant Jon Stern  
Technician Kris W. Tollok  
Master Technician John S. Wehr  
Firefighter Carlton L. Yancey

## 5 Years

Technician Robert D. Anderson, Jr.  
Technician Charles G. Arntson  
Firefighter Joel N. Atagwe  
Technician Anis Belhadj Mohamed  
Firefighter Fidel A. Blanco  
Firefighter  
Eduardo J. Borgenarguello

Firefighter Jason L. Branham  
Firefighter Erin J. Corbin  
Firefighter Roberto M. DaSilva  
Steven A. Edwards,

Fire Inspector II  
Antemira C. Elliott, MMS III  
Technician Timothy A. Fairchild  
Firefighter Brian D. Foster  
Firefighter Steven E. Gauntner  
Technician Matthew R. Guillaume  
Technician Matthew C. Helmuth  
Technician Akilah N. Hughley  
Firefighter Michelle L. Latsha  
Firefighter Israel Lopez-Velez  
Firefighter Andres F. Martinez  
Firefighter Clyde B. Monroe III  
Firefighter Joshua M. Morrison  
Firefighter Andrew J. Neuhaus  
Firefighter Kevin T. Ngo  
Firefighter Brian D. Passmore  
Firefighter Elizabeth K. Planchak  
Firefighter Jason A. Reisch  
Luis A. Rosales, NT Analyst II  
Firefighter Placido Sanchez  
Firefighter Ryan E. Scanlan  
Firefighter Adam D. Scheetz  
Firefighter Facundo M. Silva  
Firefighter Medic  
Katherine S. Stoner  
Mei Wang, PA II  
Firefighter Rodney D. Washington  
Firefighter Gregory W. Wood

## Line Copy Deadlines

The deadlines for the upcoming 2013 Line Copy issues are no later than May 15, August 15, and November 15. Please submit articles or text to Dan Schmidt at Dan.Schmidt@fairfaxcounty.gov or Cathy Richards, Cathy.Richards@fairfaxcounty.gov.

## Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

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## Station Profile

### Woodlawn Fire and Rescue Station 24

**Captain II**  
**Anthony L. Jackson**  
**Station Commander**



**Station constructed:** December, 1970. Fire and Rescue Station 24 was Fairfax County's first fully funded Fire and Rescue Station.

**Station specialty:** Tower 424 and Field Decon Unit.

**Square miles in first due area:** 6.9

**Specific hazardous/target areas:** Mount Vernon Estates

**Total calls in 2012:** 6,155

**Equipment assigned to station:** Engine 424, Tower 424, Medic 424, EMS406.

**Station personnel:** **A-Shift: Captain I David G. Lange**, Lieutenant Aron J. Corwin, Lieutenant James R. Low, Master Technician Michael R. Boub, Jr., Technician Matthew C. Helmuth, Technician Clarke V. Slaymaker, Firefighter Medic Brenton K. Moreau, Firefighter Clinton A. Brown, Firefighter Rachel A. Defibaugh, Firefighter Brendan M. Downing, Firefighter Facundo M. Silva, Firefighter Elizabeth K. Wagner **B-Shift: Captain I Trenton L. Houghton**, Lieutenant Philip C. Devereaux, Lieutenant Michael Engelhardt, Technician Victoria R. Callow, Technician Hyacinth N. Chia, Technician Edwin E. Flores, Technician Charles A. Harman, Firefighter Justin C. Cuffee, Firefighter Matthew C. Quigley, Firefighter Clayton Thompson III **C-Shift: Captain II Anthony L. Jackson**, Lieutenant Richard A. Dawley, Lieutenant Robert W. Dickerson, Jr., Lieutenant Charles J. Epps, Master Technician John L. Boyer, Master Technician Cliff E. Sweeney, Technician Shelita R. Green, Technician Brian C. Roberts, Firefighter Carlton D. Barnes, Jr., Firefighter Gage E. Chalmers, Firefighter Wayne R. Champagne, Jr., Firefighter Roxroy W. Reid



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